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2	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4	JOAQUIN FRANQUI III, Administrator of the ESTATE OF JACK FRANQUI IV,
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6	Plaintiff,
7	-against-
8	THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, POLICE OFFICER KAREN GRENIA, and
9	POLICE OFFICERS JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-10,
10	Defendants.
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11	SIMON EARL, NICHOLAS EARL and ANNE EARL,
12	Plaintiffs,
13	-against-
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15	THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, POLICE OFFICER KAREN GRENIA, POLICE OFFICERS JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-10,
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17	Defendants.
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19	June 24, 2014 10:00 a.m.
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21	TESTIMONY OF KAREN GRENIA
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EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of KAREN GRENIA, one of the Defendants herein, taken by the Plaintiff, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Notice, held at the above-mentioned time and place, before Dolly Fevola, Notary Public of the State of New York.

1 3 2 APPEARANCES: 3 THE LAW OFFICE OF ANTHONY M. GRANDINETTE Attorney for the Plaintiff 4 114 Old Country Road, Suite 420 5 Mineola, New York 11501 BY: ANTHONY GRANDINETTE, ESQ. 6 MIREL FISCH, ESQ. 7 SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAW Attorneys for the Defendants 8 H. Lee Denison Building 100 Veterans Memorial Highway 9 Hauppauge, New York 11788 BY: ARLENE ZWILLING, ESQ. 10 11 ALSO PRESENT: 12 ALEXANDER CRAWFORD 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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               A Okay, so if you ask me a
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        question, I'll answer it.
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               Q Based upon your knowledge of
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        the case, as you sit here today, is it your
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        testimony that nobody ever searched Simon
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        Earl's house?
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                  Searched or went in?
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                     Searched.
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                     I don't have knowledge of that.
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        I left the scene. I was not inside the
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        house.
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                  As you sit here today, do you
        have any factual basis to know whether or
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        not any police officers entered Mr. Earl's
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        home?
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                     Did they enter the home?
               A
18
                     Right.
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               A
                     Yes.
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                     Who entered Simon Earl's home?
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               A
                     I don't know all the officers.
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                     Tell me the names of those that
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        you know did enter the home.
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                     PO Lesowitz, PO Robbins.
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        Again, that's two people, my coworkers.
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1 185 K. Grenia 2 Q Anybody else? 3 There might have been. But you're not sure or you 4 5 don't recall? 6 MS. ZWILLING: What do you mean 7 you don't recall? She said she 8 wasn't there. 9 MR. GRANDINETTE: If you have 10 an objection, just say it. Let me 11 rephrase. 12 You said that you did not 13 visualize anybody enter the home, right? 14 Yeah, because the house is set 15 so far back. It's a long drive into the 16 house and no, I did not physically observe 17 anyone walk into the house. 18 Whatever the reasons, you did 19 not make that observation while you were at 20 the scene, right? 21 A Yes. 22 But as you sit here today, you know that certain officers did enter the 23 24 home, right? 25 A Yes.

K. Grenia 186 1 2 You gave us two names, right? 0 3 Yes. 4 How did you come to learn that these officers went in the home? 5 6 They are my partners. They 7 told me. They told you. When did they 8 9 tell you that they entered Simon Earl's 10 home? I don't recall. 11 Can you tell me specifically 12 13 starting with Lesowitz, what she told you 14 with respect to her entering the home? 15 THE WITNESS: Should I tell him 16 or they want to speak to her? 17 MS. ZWILLING: If you remember, 18 you can mention it. 19 She just said to me to ID Simon 20 Earl. He said the license was in the house 21 and he let them in the house. We did not know who Simon Earl was. He did not have 22 23 his ID on his person. The two of them --Now we know he lives at 6 Cordwood. They 24 25 could have been doing burglaries. We did

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        not know, in fact, they did not just
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        burglarize that house, but he did invite
        Officer Lesowitz in the house.
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                     Who invited Officer Lesowitz?
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                     Simon Earl, to provide his ID.
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                     When did he extend this
        invitation, before or after he was
 8
        handcuffed?
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                     That, I do not know.
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                     Did she tell you that Simon
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        invited her? Hey, come on inside. I have
13
        to get my driver's license, words to that
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        effect?
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                A
                     I don't know the exact words.
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                     Tell me the best you recall.
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                A
                     What I just told you.
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                     So she was invited. Where did
19
        Simon Earl take her, if you know?
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                     I do not know that either.
21
                     When they got in the house,
22
        what happened?
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                     Again, I don't know all the --
24
        I do not know.
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                     During your conversation, did
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1 K. Grenia 2 she say, yeah, then I went in the house and 3 the kid went and got his license, he shows me, in fact, he did live there? 4 5 That's about the extent of it. 6 Did she say where this 7 conversation took place? 8 A No. 9 Now, after this lawsuit that 10 you were served and you read, you understand 11 that there were allegations that the police 12 went in uninvited, right, with Simon Earl in 13 handcuffs in the back of the car and they searched his house, right? That's what the 14 15 allegations are, right? 16 That's what the allegations 17 are. 18 After you read that, did you go 19 back to your co-worker and say, hey, and 20 have a conversation about those allegations? 21 A No. 22 You never brought that up to 23 her? 24 She's on maternity leave. I'm 25 just curious, what would I bring up to her?

189 1 K. Grenia 2 My question is, did you ever 3 have a conversation with her about the allegations contained in the complaint which 4 5 seem to be directly contradictory to what 6 Lesowitz told you happened? 7 I have not had a conversation. 8 I have not gone into specifics. 9 Forget about specifics. How 10 about just in general? Did you ever discuss 11 with her in general? When I had a conversation with 12 A 13 her, he invited her in the house. She even, 14 now that I recall, called his parents from 15 their home phone to let them know what was 16 going on to confirm that he did, in fact, 17 live there. So if you could pull the tapes 18 from the house, that's the conversation. 19 Did you ever speak to her 20 after? 21 A After when? 22 Did you ever speak to her after 23 you got a copy of the Complaint? 24 A Once. 25 What did you discuss? Did you

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        discuss the Complaint?
                     We discussed that. I don't
 3
        remember because I have no recollection
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        of -- I was not part of going to the house
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        and that is what she told me.
 7
                    But I'm talking about your
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        conversation after receiving the Complaint.
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        Do you recall what the conversation or don't
10
        you recall?
11
                     I don't recall.
12
                     Okay. How did you learn about
13
        Robbins entering the home?
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                     I guess I spoke to him about
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        it.
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                     When?
                     I don't know. A couple of
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               A
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        weeks ago.
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                     Was that the first time that he
20
        told you that he had ever been in the house?
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               A
                     Yeah. It does not really come
22
        up in conversation.
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                     What did he tell you a couple
24
        of weeks ago about it?
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                    Kind of the same thing, that
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2	MR. GRANDINETTE: I guess we'll	
3	get these exhibits copied and off to	
4	you.	
5	MS. ZWILLING: Okay.	
6	(Time noted: 5:45 p.m.)	
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10	KAREN GRENIA	
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12	Subscribed and sworn to before me	
13	this day of, 2014.	
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